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1. The Turkish Consulate in Salonika has reported to the Embassy in Athens that General Markos Vafiadas was not wounded and that he is in the Prespa region where he is reorganizing his forces. He is receiving war materiel of Soviet origin and will make new attacks in Western Macedonia. Russian propaganda, according to the same report, is becoming more intensive in favor of an autonomous Macedonia to include Skopje and Bitolj and to have its capital at Salonika.
2. The Turkish Embassy in Athens was informed by the French Embassy that during the past twenty days more than 250 soldiers of the Greek National Army had gone over to the guerrillas.
3. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Ankara has requested a report on the impression made in Greek political circles and on public opinion generally by the support given to Greek questions in the United Nations by the Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs, Nedjmedin Sadak.
4. The Turkish Government has decided to allow the repatriation of the anti-Royal Turks who have been in exile since 1922. The Turkish Embassies have been ordered to summon these expatriates and inform them of the Government's decision. Within twenty days about 200 such persons will leave France for Istanbul.
5. According to the Turkish diplomats in France, the internal situation in France in case of war between the Western Powers and the Soviet Union will be very dangerous because of the "great Russophile current" prevailing among the French people.
6. The Turkish diplomatic employees in Bucharest, including the Military Attache and the Attache for Air, have been under constant surveillance by the Rumanian police for the past three months. They were called to account by the "Civil Guard" on a charge of having been involved in the escape of Rumanians into Turkey by the use of motorboats. They did not appear in person, however, but replied in writing to the Rumanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
7. The Turkish Consulate in Salonika reported to the Embassy in Athens that on 27 September 1948 Russian airplanes made drops of all kinds of war materiel to the guerrillas in various parts of Macedonia and Epiros. The report

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also stated that the guerrillas of the Papades region are being supported quite openly by the Bulgarian military authorities on the Greek-Bulgarian border.

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